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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Wednesday, November 9, 2016     10:30 a.m.     Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, Darany, Driskell, LaVoy.

**ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representatives Talabi, Garrett.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of September 21, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Representative Brunner made a motion to excuse absent members. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Chuck Lippstreu provided an update on activities of the Michigan Dry Bean Industry.

Mike Wenkel, Executive Director of Michigan Potato Commission, and Keith Insey, representing Walther Farms, spoke to the Committee regarding the Michigan Potato Industry.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 5987 (Lauwers)	Agriculture; animals; requirements that confined animals be provided space to allow certain movements; delay application of to certain livestock.
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Stephen Herbruck, representing Herbruck's Poultry Ranch, spoke in support of HB 5987.

Scott Maust, representing Farm Crest Foods, spoke to the Committee in support of HB 5987.

Beatrice Friedlander, representing Attorneys for Animals, spoke in opposition to HB 5987.

Representative Cole made a motion to report HB 5987 with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas:** Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Whiteford, Brunner, LaVoy. (13/17)

**Nays:** Representatives Darany, Driskell. (2/17)

**Pass:** None. (0/17) (13/2/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Cards indicating support for HB 5987 were submitted by:

Allison Brink, representing Allied Poultry Industries

Tiffany Jackson, representing Farm Crest Foods

Jim Byrum representing the Michigan AgriBusiness Association

Rebecca Park, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau (in support of the bill as introduced)

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)

Dr. Robert Fisher, representing the Michigan Humane Society, submitted a card indicating opposition to HB 5987.

Lydra Sattler, representing The Humane Society of the United States, submitted a card indicating opposition to HB 5987.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:04 a.m.

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Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538